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ABSTRACT

This volume traces the history of Eisenhower College (New York) from its inception in 1961 to its chartering in 1965, its opening in 1968, its first commencement in 1972, its near closure in 1974, its acquisition by Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in 1979, its eventual closure in 1983, and the aftermath. The history in case study format is presented in the first seven chapters. Eisenhower College was founded by a group of central New Yorkers who interested President Eisenhower in a small, liberal arts college as a living memorial. It attracted an outstanding faculty and became well known and highly respected for its unique general education program of world studies. Unfortunately the college was under funded from the beginning. An initial $5 million was appropriated by Congress to begin the school. This sum proved to be inadequate and a $9 million congressional grant approved in 1974 came too late. Although RIT tried to revive the college, it was ultimately unable to do so. The final chapter is an analysis of what went wrong and a synthesis of the lessons to be learned. Appendixes list the founders, the trustees and overseers, and graduates. An index is included. (Contains 550 references.) (JB)

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